

REMARKSAmendments

In the descriptive part of the specification, the status of two references has been updated.

In the claims, claims 14-16 have been withdrawn in view of a restriction requirement.

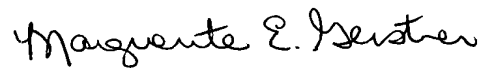
Restriction Requirement

Applicants confirm the election, without traverse, of claims 1-10 and 17-23, i.e. the claims of Group I, for prosecution in this application. The claims of Group II, i.e. claims 14-16, have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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